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MINUTES

OF THE

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

JANUARY 10–13, 1883.

The Thirty-Seventh Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the church at Mansfield, La., beginning on Wednesday, January 10, 1883; Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 9:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., and were opened with religious exercises conducted by the Bishop and various members of the Conference.

Chas. F. Evans was elected Secretary.

The following members answered to roll call during the session:

CLERICAL—Christian Keener, Chas. W. Carter, Joseph B. Walker, Jas. M. Beard, Patrick Galvin, T. S. Randle, J. A. Ivy, Benj. F. Alexander, N. S. Cornell, A. A. Cornett, J. H. Stone, Baxter Clegg, J. M. Brown, Chas. T. Munholland, R. M. Crowson, R. T. Parish, J. W. Medlock, J. F. Patterson, R. Parvin, T. H. McClendon, Jno. T. Sawyer, Jno. Pipes, J. J. Billingsley, Wm. Hart, R. Randle, Jno. W. Hearn, Jno. B. Cassity, Enos B. Foust, Robt. A. Davis, J. Lane Borden, F. G. Hocutt, J. M. Johnson, E. B. Galloway, J. D. Harper, G. M. Liverman, W. R. Whatley, Fred. White, Saml. H. Whatley, Lewis A. Reed, Thos. J. Hough, M. C. Manley, Saml. S. Keener, Jno. F. Wynn, T. J. Upton, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, R. S. Trippett, S. H. Cooper, Jno. W. Davis, Jno. S. Davis Joel Saunders, Jesse Fulton, James A. Parker, Jas. E. Bradley' James M. McKee, R. S. Isbell, Jno. A. Miller and R. M. Blocker'

LAY—W. H. N. Magruder, R. B. Howard, Jno. S. Burnham, J. L. Scales, J. J. Stockwell, Jno. P. Pickles, Dr. J. Schreiner, T. J. Carver, F. E. Bowman, J. W. Dolson, S. B. McCutcheon and Rev. W. F. Henderson.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Asbury C. Couey, Danl. C. Barr, James P. Porter, Henry J. Boltz, Benjamin F. Jenkins, Jules V. Penn, Stephen J. Davies and Jno. M. Davies—8.

Q. 2. Who remain on trail?

A. Hickson Capers, John W. Davis, Edmond B. Gallowa y Jeptha Landrum, Wm. Wimberly—5.

Q. 3. Who are discontinued?

A. F. E. Butler.

Q. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. Sam'l H. Whatley and Reuben S. Collier.

Q. 4. Who are readmitted?

A. None.

Q. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A. Chas. F. Evans, from Little Rock Conference and B. Carradine from Mississippi Conference—2.

Q. 7. Who are the Deacons of one year?

A. Chas. F. Stivers, Chas. T. Munholland, Robt. M. Blocker, Albert T. Galloway—4.

Q. 8. What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?

A. R. S. Collier.

Q. 9. What traveling Preachers are Ordained Deacons?

A. R. S. Collier.

Q. 10. What Local Preachers are elected Deacons?

A. Vines M. Davis, Wm. F. Henderson, Henry J. Boltz, Jno. Franklin, Leonard V. Hughes—5.

Q. 11. What Local Preachers are Ordained Deacons?

A. Vines M. Davis, Wm. F. Henderson, H. J. Boltz, John Franklin, Leonard V. Hughes, John B. McFarland—6

Q. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

A. James M. Beard and Samuel S. Keener—2.

R. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

A. James M. Beard and Samuel S. Keener—2.

Q. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

A. None.

Q. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

A. None.

Q. 16. Who are located this year.

A. C. R. Benson.

R. 17. Who are supernumerary?

A. A. G. Miller, Geo. Jackson, and J. W. Hearn—3.

Q. 18. Who are superannuated?

A. W. D. Stayton, John S. Davis, E. W. Yancey, W. E. Doty, P. H. Dieffenweirth, Joel Saunders, R. M. Crowson—7.

Q. 19. What preachers have died during the year?

A. Philo M. Goodwyn.

Q. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A. Their names were called one by one and their characters were examined and passed.

Q. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

A. Local preachers, 88; members, white, 14,820; colored, 29; total, 14,937. (For details see statistical table.)

Q. 22. How many infants have been baptised during the year?

A. 750. (For details see statistical table.)

Q. 23. How many adults have been baptised during the year?

A. 387. (For details see statistical table.)

Q. 24, 25 and 26. What is the number of Sunday schools, Sunday school teachers, and Sunday school scholars.

A. 157 Sunday schools; 1,033 Sunday school teachers, and 6,917 Sunday school scholars. (For details see statistical table.)

Q. 27 and 28. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers; and, What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A. The Joint Board of Finance, through their chairman, the Rev. C. W. Carter, made their report, viz: Amount necessary, $4160 00. Collected, viz:

New Orleans District	$699 75
Delhi District	240 45
Opelousas District	380 90
Homer District	236 10
Shreveport District	552 30
Alexandria District	125 16
Colvin Bequest	34 30
In suspense	70
Total collected	$2269 60

Applied viz:

To Rev. P. H. Dieffenweirth, sent by J. B. Walker,	$156 00
" Joel Sanders, sent by himself	122 00
" J. S. Davis, sent by Rev. J. W. Davis	137 00
" W. D. Stayton, sent by Rev. J. B. Cassity,	180 00
" E. W. Yancey, sent by Rev. W. R. Whatley	130 00
" J. A. Parker, sent by himself	300 00
" J. L. Wright, sent by Rev. J. E. Bradley	170 00
" Jesse Fulton, sent by himself	162 00
To widow of Rev. F. Bell, sent by Rev. J. B. Walker	89 10
" " " J. D. Adams, sent by Rev. T. J. Upton,	89 10
" " " P. H. Moss, sent by Rev. R. S. Isbell	109 10
" " " U. Whatley, sent by Rev. S. Whatley	89 10
" " " R. R. R. Alexander, sent by B. F. Alexander	89 10
" " " J. Wilkinson, sent by C. Keener	190 40
" " " J. C. Reed, sent by A. A. Cornett	96 80
" " " P. M. Goodwyn, sent by C. Keener	159 90
Total	$2269 60

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1883.

New Orleans District	$1050 00
Delhi District	550 00
Homer District	550 00
Shreveport District	550 00
Alexandria District	250 00
Opelousas District	550 00
Total	$3500 00

BISHOP'S CLAIM.

Amount apportioned for 1882	$800 00
" paid by Conference	658 80
Deficiency	$141 20

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1883.

New Orleans District	$300 00
Delhi District	100 00
Opelousas District	100 00
Shreveport District	120 00
Alexandria District	60 00
Homer District	120 00
Total	$800 00

QUESTION 29. What has been contributed for Missions?

ANSWER. Rev. C. Keener, Treasurer of Conference Board of Missisions read his report, viz.:

REPORT OF TREASURER BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 1882.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEBIT.

Collected in New Orleans District	$964 85
" Delhi District	150 80
" Homer District	291 20
" Shreveport District	582 65
" Opelousas District	322 95
" Alexandria District	123 55
One-half of the Anniversary Collection	500 00
Total	$2936 00

CREDIT.

D. C. Kelley's vouchers	$807 00
Remitted to D. C. Kelley	1629 00
Amount to be remitted to D. C. Kelley	500 00
Total	$2936 00

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DEBIT.

Collected in New Orleans District	$322 00
" Delhi District	54 68
" Homer District	139 70
" Shreveport District	139 70
" Opelousas District	119 55
" Alexandria District	42 05
Collected at Anniversary	382 02
Total	$1199 70

CREDIT.

New Orleans District	$200 00
Homer District	200 00
Delhi District	100 00
Opelousas District	125 00
Shreveport District	150 00
Alexandria District	250 00
Conference Minutes	100 00
Voucher Homer District	44 70
" New Orleans District	30 00
Total	$1199 70

C. KEENER, Treasurer.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1883.

	Foreign Mis'ns.	*Dom. Mis'ns.*
New Orleans District	$2275 00	$350 00
Delhi District	1050 00	150 00
Homer District	1125 00	200 00
Shreveport District	1125 00	200 00
Opelousas District	775 00	150 00
Alexandria District	500 00	125 00
Total	$6850 00	1175 00

BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1883.

Rev. B. F. Alexander, President	Rev. T. S. Randle.
" A. C. Mitchell, Vice President	Rev. S. S. Keener.
" R. S. Trippett, Secretary	W. H. Foster.
" Christian Keener, Treasurer	J. L. Scales.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, JANUARY, 1883.

The Missionary Board take great pleasure in announcing to the Conference, the very gratifying fact, that the Missionary operations of the Churches of God have been prosecuted in all parts of the world with undiminished forces and unabated zeal during the past year. In Australia and Japan, in India and in China, in South America and in Mexico, and in all countries, the Gospel has proved itself to be the power of God unto salvation to those who have heard and believed it. It is with feelings of mingled wonder and delight that we thus contemplate the progress of missions in every part of the world. Every branch of the Church seems inspired with an unwonted zeal in this great cause. Missionaries are finding their way to every part of the world, and depositing the leaven of the Gospel among all the families of the earth. Never, perhaps, was the Kingdom of Christ more rapidly extended than during the last ten years. Countless thousands are annually brought under the influence of the Gospel through the labors of self-denying and faithful missionaries. But a few years ago the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had but one foreign mission, and that was in a cripled and languishing condition. Now she has China, Brazil, Central Mexico, Mexican Border, together with Indian missions and German missions, all of which are reported in a flourishing condition.

And yet the Church is doing comparatively little, in the great work of evangelizing the nations of the earth. This is said, when considered in the light of its numbers, wealth, and position. It is a lamentable fact not to be disguised that many of our people, to say the least, are indifferent to the cause of foreign missions. This is to be deplored, Without the missionary spirit no church can prosper.

However I am happy to say that the tone and sentiment of the church are improving. We are advancing every year, Not only has the work in our home and foreign fields been enlarged, but the contributions have been increased and the year just closing has been the most prosperous since 1866.

Within the bounds of our own Conference we have now on the list of our appointments, Lafourche Mission, Logansport Mission, Calcasieu Mission, Sparta and Sabine Missions, which have been filled by faithful laborers. To supplement the meagre and altogether inadequate salaries of these ministers, the Board appropriated somewhere in the neighborhood of one thousand dollars. We are unable to give full statistics, as some of the reports have not come to hand. Much, however, has been accomplished. In fact our home missions are as extensive as our territory. The French Mission, which was carried on so successfully for a few years, in Attakapas, has had no missionary during the past year; the Presiding Elder of Opelousas District has visited the mission from time to time and reports the outlook good, and the people anxious for a missionary. Thus great and effectual doors have been opened and entered —the promise is being fulfilled: "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

The time will come, when "All Israel shall be saved, and gathered in with the fulness of the Gentiles." There are also the followers of the false prophet—lewd, revengeful, bigotted, seeking a heaven of lust and sensuality, by their pilgrimages—after refusing the Gospel of Christ for ten hundred years; they shall turn from the Crescent to the Cross. There are the Brahmins, too, trained up in the principles of licentiousness—bound down by the chains of caste, there are the three hundred million of Chinese also, the children of fraud and trickery, and the gluttonous and sanguinary Cannibal, the ferocious Red Man and stupid Esquimaux

Men of all kinds, characters and climes—of lust and fraud and frenzy shall come out clad in a new dress—the robe of righteousness—the garment arresting the evil of intemperance. Some believe that moral suasion is the only justified means of dealing with the question. Others believe that local option or partial prohibition is the thing, and others believe that high taxation, go as to of penitence, faith, and holiness. The fool, who had said in his heart, "There is no God," shall be converted, and the man who has spent his life in ridiculing and mocking revelation, shall bow to its authority. Christian temples and churches shall be raised, on the ruins of heathen temples, and the praises of God shall resound through the deserts of Arabia and Africa, and the heights of the Alps and Andes shall become vocal with the sounds of joy and gladness. "The Wolf and the Lamb shall lie down together, the Lion shall eat straw like the Ox, and they shall neither hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." That system too, which has been sitting on the church of Christ like an incumbus, shall be destroyed. The Angel shall come forward, and cast the stone into the sea, crying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen. And the people shall cry, "Allelulia! Allelulia! Salvation and glory, and honor, and power unto the Lord our God; for true and righteous are his judgments."

The blood of her martyrs is crying to heaven for vengence. The ploughshare of her enemies has been put to its walls, and the cry has been, "Rase it! Rase it! The gates of hell have endeavored to prevail against her. Infidelity has poured out its blasphemies. Popery has uttered its anathemas. But what then? It has outlived all these attacks. "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; and tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following; for this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death." As this glorious pyramid has been rising from age to age, the eye of the great builder has been upon it, the various workmen from time to time have died, but the building has proceeded. God buries the workmen, but carries on the work."

The death roll of the past year is not unusually long but it is unusually heavy. How fit the occasion to mention the names of Bishops Wightman and Paine, Dr. T. O. Summers, and our own beloved brother Rev. P. M. Goodwyn who have been called from labor to reward. As we look around for these familiar faces, and see not one of them, we listen for those familiar voices, and hear not one, a feeling of sadness creeps over us? "We are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses." And when I think of them in connection with our Mission work, I wish to lay, although it be with faltering tongue, and with trembling and unskilled hand a brother's chaplet upon their graves. Our work is still before us—the field is white already to the harvest and the Master's call is upon us, enjoining dilligence. "God's word is spirit, and it is life," it cannot die. Let us, then, look to the future, as well as to the present for success.

R. S. TRIPPETT, Secretary.

Mansfield, January 13, 1883.

CONSTITUTION.

Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions.

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

ARTICLE. 1. This Board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members, elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. At their first meeting, the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 8. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board all moneys he may receive for General purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs. It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish, with the consent of the preachers of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between the Conference Board and General Board. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the preachers in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions, and another in aid of Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majorfty of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following Constitution and By-Laws are printed for information, and recommended for use in the formation of Auxiliary Societies:

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of————, auxiliary to the Louisiana Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar per year, or ten cents per month, may become a member of this society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life-member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communications of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Auxiliary shall be the last regular meeting before that of the Conference Society. At this annual meeting the reports of Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and to provide the pastor with notices of the meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to report quarterly, on or before the first of March, June, September, and December, to the Conference Secretary, the number of members and work of the Society.

5. *Order of Exercises for monthly meetings*: 1. Devotional exercises. 2. Reading and approval of Minutes. 3. Reports from members of what they have done for the Society the past month. 4. Report of Treasurer in writing. 5. Report of Corresponding Secretary. 6. Unfinished business. 7. Adjournment.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer on or before the first of March, June, September and December.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary zeal and intelligence, as well as earnestness in special work of this society.

8. There shall be a standing Committee of three, to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for monthly and quarterly meetings.

9. If the work of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer is too heavy for those officers, assistants must be elected.

10. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation or removal, it must be filled as soon as possible.

11. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members; and each shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer the Society, its workers, mission-schools, orphans, and missionaries.

Where Auxiliary Societies find that it is best to make the fee larger, it is entirely within their province to do so.

There will be an annual meeting of the General Executive Association at such time and place as may hereafter be determined.

QUESTION 30. What are the Educational Statistics?

A. The Joint Board of Finance through Rev. Dr. C. W. Carter, Chairman, made following report, viz.:

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Bible Cause, beg leave to report:

That the work goes on in spite of all the opposing obstacles. The indifference of many Christian denominations, the combined forces of unbelief in all its shades, are powerless in their endeavor to check the spread of God's

word. The providence of God in supplying the varied races of humanity with his word is only equaled by his providence in protecting and preserving that word amid the overthrow of kingdoms, the destruction of empires, the death and birth of nations.

To-day it stands out in its ancient capacity as the champion against all shades of unbelief equal to all rencounters, whether they be with arid atheism, blatant infidelity, or snarling skepticism. Eloquent discourses are good, learned disquisitions often better, but generally all these fail in meeting unbelief, and we are thrown back upon the simple word. It, first and last, is equal to all such emergencies. In hundreds of tongues it is uttering its glad words of peace and grace to myraids of wanderers. There is no diminution in its power; its tones clear; its truth mighty in all tongues. Its light is marching in the van, laying the foundation for the civilization of earth's millions. The rays of its light, penetrating into the recesses of the human family, is bringing out in darker shades the turpitude of man.

While enemies of the blessed word are earnest, energetic workers, scattering far and near the baneful influence of their opposition, many of its friends are negligent, careless, forgetful of their debts of gratitude to it. Let us arouse from our domancy and go forward in distributing this unfathomable blessed treasury of knowledge.

The American Bible Society is still vigorous, gigantic in its enterprises, and with unabated zeal, it is marching on from conquest to conquer. One grand achievement seems but to invigorate her for a more glorious and grander enterprise, till her influence is felt from continent to continent, from ocean to ocean. There is no pause for vainglorious boasting, no halt for a triumphal march to parade her banners gained in unnumbered victories.

But the American Bible Society has a daughter in our midst who has not inherited her mother's robust constitution, nor has she achieved many victories; and, though she has passed from maidenhood into mature womanhood, yet she has not gained strength and vigor, but is delicate, puny, sickly; and every passer, looking into her sallow countenance. sunken eyes, wan cheeks, drops but a word of commiseration and passes on. She has come to this by a chronic state of starvation. Her mother has aided her continually, but this has merely kept body and soul together. Her eyes are fixed upon us, they have a hungering expression about them; her voice, burdened with the piteous condition of her body, is calling upon us. Her present condition is due to our negligence, to our indifference, we have been impervious to her calls. She for her delicate health and the meager pittance we have given her, has done marvelously well. During the past year she has donated and sold about ten thousand Bibles, and employed on an average of six colporteurs per month. Donations, $600.

It is useless to endeavor to establish the various arguments which point to this great work as one of pre-eminent importance. We must, from the very positions we accupy, have long since admitted this great work as our imperative duty, one of permanent importance and one which should be constantly kept in mind; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, will aid and assist in every mode the American and Southwestern Bible Societies.

T. K. Faunt Leroy,
R. M. Crowson,
Committee.

S. S. Keener, Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL CLAIM.

Amount Apportioned for 1882	$800 00
Amount paid for 1882	335 65
Deficiency	$464 35

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1882.

New Orleans District	$300 00
Delhi District	100 00
Opelousas District	100 00
Shreveport District	120 00
Alexandria District	60 00
Homer District	120 00
Total	$800 99

QUESTION 31. Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?

ANSWER. Minden, La.

Q. 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

A.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT	J. B. WALKER, P. E.
Carondelet Street	F. R. Hill.
Felicity Street	C. W. Carter.
St. Charles Avenue	B. Caradine.
Moreau Street	J. J. Billingsley.
Louisiana Avenue	A. C. Couey.
Algiers and Gretna	J. L. Wright and J. P. Porter.
Lafourche Circuit	P. Galvin.
Batou Rouge	H. O. White, A. G. Miller, sup.
Plaquemine and Gross Tete	F. G. Hocutt.
Agent Southwestern Bible Society,	J. A. Ivy.
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT	B. F. ALEXANDER, P. E.
Shreveport	C. F. Evans.
Mooringsport	H. Capers.
Caddo	John Pipes, B. F. Jenkins.
Logansport Mission	J. Fulton.
Mansfield	S. S. Keener.
Pleasant Hill	R. Parvin.
Natchitoches	C. F. Stivers.
Anacoco, to be supplied.	
Red River	R. M. Blocker.
Couchatta	G. M. Liverman, J. W. Hearn, sup.
South Bossier	E. B. Foust.
North Bossier	John B. Cassity.
Many	R. A. Davis.
Sabine,	William Wimberly.
President Mansfield Female College	J. Lane Borden.
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT	C. KEENER, P. E.
Opelousas	T. J. Hough.
Washington	J. M. Brown.
Vermillionville	T. S. Randle.
Plaquemine Brulee and Kimball's Chapel,	L. A. Reed, B. Clegg.
Abbeville	J. F. Scurlock.

New Iberia.....T. J. Upton.
Franklin.....T. K. Faunt LeRoy.
Attakapas Mission to be supplied.
Pattersonville and Morgan City..... R. S. Trippett.
Lake Charles.....M. C. Manly.
Sugar Town.....H. J. Boltz.
Calcacieu Mission.....W. R. Whatley.
Grand Cheniere.....S. J. Davies.

HOMER DISTRICT.....A. A. Cornett, P. E.
Homer..... J. W. Medlock.
Tulip.....W. Hart.
Haynesville..... John A. Miller.
Minden.....J. A. Parker.
Sparta and Sabine.....C. T. Munholland.
Arcadia,.....R. T. Parish.
Vernon.....J. H. Stone.
Indian Village .....R. S. Collier.
Rochester Mission.....C. W. Hodge.
Downsville.....J. F. Patterson.
Farmerville.....J. M. Johnston.
Summerfield, to be supplied.
Webster Circuit.....J. L. P. Sheppard.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....N. S. Cornell, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville.....J. M. Beard.
Alexandria Circuit.....E. B. Galloway.
Winfield.....A. M. Wailes.
Jena.....D. C. Barr.
Columbia.....J. D. Harper.
Evergreen and Big Cane.....A. T. Galloway, Geo. Jackson, sup.
Spring Creek, to be supplied.
Simmsport.....F. White.
Black River, to be supplied.
Vidalia and Troy.....J. V. Penn.
Avoyelles French Mission, to be supplied.
Bayou Bœuf.....S. H. Cooper.
Colfax and Montgomery..... Samuel H. Whatley.

DELHI DISTRICT.....R. Randle, P. E.
Monroe.....B. F. White.
Delhi and Floyd .....R. S. Isbell.
Trenton.....J. T. Sawyer.
Bastrop.....J. E. Bradley.
Lind Grove.....J. M. McKee.
Oak Ridge.....John F. Wynn.
Rayville.....J. Landrum.
Winnsboro.....C. R. Godfrey.
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island.....T. H. McClendon.
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....A. E. Clay.

Tensas.....J. White Davis.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove.....J. M. Davies.
Oak Grove and Macona, to be supplied by.....T. B. Reneau.
Madison Mission, to be supplied.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Centenary College—Henry O. White, F. G. Hocutt, Felix R. Hill.

Mansfield Female College—Chas. F. Evans, Geo. M. Liverman.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Baxter Clegg, John T. Sawyer, J. Lane Borden.

For Class of First Year—Jos. W. Medlock, Jas. J. Billingsley, N. S. Cornell.

For Class of Second Year—John A. Miller, R. S. Isbell, A. A. Cornett.

For Class of Third Year—Thos. J. Hough, Ben. F. White, J. M. Brown.

For Class of Fourth Year—T. K. Faunt Leroy, R. Randle, J. B. Walker.

UNDERGRADUATES.

First Year—Asbury C. Couey, Daniel C. Barr, Jas. Perry Porter, Henry J. Boltz, Benjamin F. Jenkins, Jules Victor Penn, Stephen J. Davies, Jno. Murphy Davies, Edmond B. Galloway, Wm. Wimberly.

Second Year—Hickson Capers, John W. Davis, Samuel H. Whatley, Reuben S. Collier, Jeptha Landrum, Charles F. Stivers.

Third Year—Albert T. Galloway, Charles Stivers.

Fourth Year—Charles T. Munholland, Robert M. Blocker.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Studies—the Bible in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

Studies—the Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 1, section 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chapters 1 and 2; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 1; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4; Preacher's Manual; Redford's History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

Studies—The Bible, in reference to its prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 2; Watson's Institutes, part 3; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapters 2, 3 and 4; Manual of Discipline, chapters 3 and 4; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angu's Hand-Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life, and Whately's Rhetoric.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

Studies—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3; Watson's Institutes, part 2; Coppee's Logic; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 5th to the end. Manual discipline chapters 5, 6 and 7; Rivers' Mental Philosophy, and Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickock's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

Studies—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 4; Watson's Institutes, part 1; Powell on Apostolic Succession; Hickock's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, chapters 8 and 9; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism: Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

Commentaries—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summer, on the Gospel, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testatament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The Examination will be confined to the course of study.. The books of reference are commended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted. The undergraduates and the Committees of Examination are required, by resolution of Conference, to be present at 9 A. M.. Tuesday, before Conference session.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the State and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reid, and their associates and successors such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, think proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name said corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes, and such charitable purposes as may, from time to time; be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the city of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine Trustees; to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four Trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of the said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State,

JOHN M. SANDIGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1855.

P. O. HEBERT,
Governor of the State of Lonisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

To tho Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Coaference of lhe Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held in Mansfield, Jan. 10, 1883.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository submit their Annual Report as follows:

That portion of the building not nsed by the New Orleans *Christiau Advocate* has been rented until the last nine months for $75 per month, and since then for $25 per month. Mr. Lathrop has now vacated the building, and a committee has been appointed to rent it. The building is in good repair, and insured for $8000. The tax suits are yet unsettled. The taxes in suit and claimed for State and City $1400. The Board are in hopes that these taxes will be in part remitted, or compromised, It is their purpose to settle as soon as practicable, and on the best terms they can.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is $841 07; Expended for Insurance 68 00. In view of the unsettled tax account against us, and now in litigation, and the present unproductiveness of the house the Board of Trustees deem it inexpedient to make any appropriation of the funds in hand.

R. M. WALMSLEY,
President of the Board of Trustees.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 4, 1883.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

BISHOP J. C. KEENER, BISHOP LINUS PARKER,
JOSEPH B. WALKER, D. D. R. M. WALMSLEY,
R. L. ROBERTSON, W. H. FOSTER.
JNO. G. PARHAM, J. J. LYONS, M. D.
B. O. L. RAYNE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Mansfield and vicinity for the bountiful hospitality displayed in the entertainment of the Conference at its present session.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Railroad Companies that have given us reduced rates of fare.

Resolved, That these resolutions he furnished the De Soto Democrat for publication.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. Chas. W. Carter; T. K. Faunt Leroy; C. Keener; Jno. T. Sawyer; R. S. Trippett; Jno. Pipes; B. F. Alexander, and T. J. Williams; W. H. Foster.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed Minutes.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of District Conferences:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, traveling and local, in the District; and second, of one lay delegate from every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each Circuit, Station and Mission in the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conferenee shall be denied two lay delegates.

STANDING COMMITTEES—1883.

On Sunday Schools—J. M. Brown, Chairman.
On Church Publications—J. B. Walker, Chairman.
On Bible Cause—Samuel S. Keener, Chairman.
On Temperance—John T. Sawyer, Chairman.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Chas. W. Carter, W. H. N. Magruder, R. S. Isbell, J. H. Brigham, J. H. Parker, R. B. Howell, J. T. Sawyer, S. B. McCutcheon, J. D. Harper, J. G. Pickles, J. M. Brown, J. Schreiner.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MANSFIELD EEMALE COLLEGE.

John Pipes, B. F. Jenkins, Sr.; B. F. Alexander, William Baynon, Chas. F. Evans.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—1883.

C. W. Carter, W. H. Foster, B. F. White, T. C. Standiffer, J. E. Parker, R. B. Howell, J. B. Cassity, S. B. McCutcheon, J. D. Harper. J. B. Pickles, T. K. Faunt Leroy, O. M. Marsh.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION.

REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report:

It would seem to be a reflection upon the intelligence of this Conference to discuss the importance of education, This has been admitted and attested year after year, by resolutions voted in Conference, and printed in the Minutes. These resolutions not only profess appreciations, but promise effort.

We regret, however, that results thus far have not attested the fulfilment of these promises.

The matter referred to us for consideration is meagre; consisting of a report from each of the Board of Trustees of the Mansfield Female College, and Centenary College of Louisiana.

In regard to the latter, your Committee think it may be interesting, and perhaps serve a good purpose, briefly to give a history of the conception of the enterprise and its realization in the founding of an institution, which has produced so much good fruit, and presents so many sacred claims to the fostering care and energetic support of the Church.

This nformation is due to the members of this body, whose influence is mainly relied upon and earnestly invoked to sustain the institution, by securing adequate patronage, and many of whom are younger than the College, and unfamiliar with its early history.

The name implies its memorial character. It was intended not only as memorial but monumental of the greatest moral resolution of the later century—the founding of our beloved Methodism.

In the year 1839 the centenial aniversary of Methodism was celebrated in all the Conferences of the Methodist Epicopal Church. In the Mississippi Conference, which then included Louisiana, the idea was conceived of establishing a Southern Methodist College, as a perpetual commemoration of the day. It originated with consecrated and venerable ministers, who commenced at once to devise means and work to the accomplishment of the result. A Board of Trustees was formed and the services of an agent were secured, by whose efforts, subscriptions and money were obtained, to an amount which justified the purchase of property and the election of a Faculty. It was located at Brandon Springs, Mississippi, and was opened with an effective Faculty, and a large number of students, in the fall of 1841. In 1843–44 and '45 classes of young men were graduated—seventeen in all—who, in scholarship, would compare favorably with any subsequent graduates. The location of the college was on many accounts unfortunate. The College of Louisiana at Jackson, having failed as a State enterprise, the property and buildings were purchased and the College removed to that place. The Alumni of the State College were adopted, and the names of the institutions combined. Its legal name is Centenary College of Louisiana. The existence of Centenary College as a Methodist College, dates properly from 1839, the year it was intended to memorialize.

The Institution has become venerable. Its Alumni number on the Catalogue, Two hundred and twenty-nine. This is but a small number of those who have

enjoyed its benefits, and received good education. Many of them have become distinguished and useful men in all the departments of life. The College shared largely the disasters of the war. It lives and continues its benefactions through the persevering efforts of Bishop Keener and a few friends, who have stood by him, and by the noble devotion and efficient labors of its poorly paid Faculty. Brethren, this is your Institution. Every circumstance of its history enforces a claim upon your support. Its past usefulness cannot be ignored, we cannot evade the responsibility, nor neglect the duty of answering by our best efforts its future success. That suceess means simply if we do our duty the growth and development of our own people in high Christian culture. We present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in Centenary College of Louisiana we recognize an Institution, whorthy of our respect, and as *especially our own*, having peculiar claims upon us for all the support that earnest and well directed effort can supply.

Resolved, That we cordially and confidently commend the College to the confidence of our people, and solicit their patronage, believing that to no safer hand can they entrust the education of their sons.

REPORT NO. 2.

The Committee feel gratified and much encouraged on account of the unusual prosperity of Mansfield College.

Whatever may have been its success during the last several years past, and whatever achievements in the accomplishments of the ends for which it was organized, we are assured, that at no time since the war, has it promised so much for the church, and the cause of female education in general, as at present.

The success which seems to have crowned the labors of President Borden, is sufficient evidence of the thoroughness of the course of instruction, and the firmness and judiciousness of his discipline and administration. Recently a field of operations has been opened for female enterprise, in which no hand has more cunning than woman's; and we note with gladness the introduction in Mansfield Female College of a system of instructions by which she may be qualificd for work in that field. The theory of Telegraphy is now being taught, and Bro. Borden, has on hand, and has paid for all the apparatus (including wires) necessary to give instruction in line operations, and will in a short time be giving practical lessons in that department. Notwithstanding the crowded condition of the college boarding department, the President has admitted one pupil since the report of the Board of Managers, was submitted to the Conference and the number of Matriculates is now *one hundred*. Of this number, sixty-two, are boarding in the college. In view of the crowded condition of the college, it is to be hoped, that the Board of Managers will be able to devise some means for the erection of such Buildings as the prosperity of the Institution demands. We note with great satisfaction, the fact that the moral influences thrown around the students is wholesome, and their precepts are according to our uuderstanding of the Master's teaching. Having, as far as we could, investigated all the facts and influences surrounding Mansfield College, its discipline, curriculum, professors and local surroundings, we most unhesitatingly commend it to the patronage of people every where.

Bearing in mind the foregoing facts, your Committee offer for adoption by this Conference the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the Conference learn with great satisfaction, the success of Mansfield Female College.

2. *Resolved*, That we will lay its claims before our people, and explain its advantages to all who may be contemplating sending their daughters away from home to be educated.

REPORT NO. 3.

The papers referred to this Committee on yesterday, have reference to Pierce and Paine College.

We learn from those documents, that the church has a proprietary interest there in a large tract of land, not far from Pleasant Hill Station, beside forty acres on which the buildings are located. Also that the debris of one wing of the main building has been sold, and rents are due, partly in notes, and may be entirely so.

As there are before us no means of ascertaining the value and condition of the property of the College we recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference.

Resotved, That this Conference appoint J. L. Scales a committee to inquire into and report at the next season of this body, the value of all assests belonging to Pierce and Paine College, together with such suggestions as he may deem proper in regard to the best methods of applying the same to the uses of the Chnrch.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers for last year, be and are hereby continued for the next ensuing year, and that they be requested to co-operate with Bro. Scales, so as to enable him to perform his mission as fully as possible.

Respeetfully submitted,

J. A. PARKER,
W. H. N. MAGRUDER,
N. J. CORNELL,
J. L. BORDEN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEF ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

After comparing the statistics reported to the Conference with those of the former year, we find a large increase, which we consider cause of profound gratitude.

During the past year the Sunday school work has been prosecuted in many sections of the Conference at a great disadvantage. While no epedemic has swept over our territory, the floods have produced their disastrous effects, and wide-spread and long-continued sickness has decimated our Sunday school ranks. Under all the circumstances we can but thank God and take courage. At the same time we must allow no abatement in our zeal in view of the vast importance of this interest of the Church. We deem it useless to reiterate what has been said in former reports; but we would *always* and *everywhere* emphasize the duty of caring for the children committed to our care. We were gratified to hear our Presiding Bishop speak upon this subject, in language which gave no uncertain sound, when he addressed the class, admitted into full connection.

We are glad to know, from the searching examination of character, which has been made, that all our preachers are faithful in the discharge of duty, and of course faithful in their supervision of the Sunday schools. We would suggest, however, that fidelity to this interest upon the part of the pastor includes more than a passing glance at the school in session. He ought, as far as possible, to make himself a part of it, and so bind the children to him, and thus widen his sphere of usefulness.

We are pleased to see that the last General Conference took advanced ground, and made provision for a Sunday School Conference in each presiding elder's district, and for a Conference Sunday School Convention in each Conference. We hope that in accordance with this provision suitable arrangements will be hereafter made, by the presiding elders in their several districts, and by the Sunday School Board, to be appointed by this Conference.

The merits of our valuable Sunday school periodicals have been fully presented by the Committee on Church Publications, and we need say noth-

ing more, except to urge their adoption and faithful use by all of our schools.

In conclusion we offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That we will continue to prosecute with persistent zeal our work in behalf of the children and youth under our care.

We recommend the appointment of the following brethren as members of the Conference Sunday School Board:

CLERICAL.

J. M. Brown, N. S. Cornell, J. A. Parker, J. L. Borden, J. D. Harper, T. J. Upton.

LAY.

W. H. Foster, J. Moore, J. W. Dawson, J. L. Scales, L. P. Whittington, O. M. Marsh.

J. M. Brown,
J. M. Beard,
J. S. Scales,
J. W. Dawson,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following as their report:

It is universally admitted that the drink system is the monster evil of the land and of the world, having assumed greater proportions than any other evil in the category of human crimes, diffusing itself like Pharoah's frogs into every department of life from the domestic circle into the circles of the highest officials of every land and from the centre to the circumference of the whole human family. Your Committee does not deem it necessary to dwell upon this feature of the subject and shall only give a few statistics of our own country in reference to it.

1st. The statistics of Revenue Officers of the Government show that there are 117,000,000 GALLONS of intoxicating beverages annually manufactured in this Nation; that there are 249,000 *licensed saloons*, while the deluded people pay annually $700,000,000 to sustain the traffic. There are more saloon keepers in this Christian nation, than school teachers, and four times as many saloons as churches. In 1881, there was reported as paid into the United States Treasury revenue from liquors of $67,000,000, more money than has been paid into the Lord's treasury from all churches in the same nation perhaps for the past half century.

2d. But the important question is to know how to arrest the evil. Temperance is not a political question. Both the great political parties of the nation are neutrul on the subject. Neither party have consented to incorporate a Temperance plank in their political platform. Neither party is willing to risk its success at the ballot box, without the aid of a saloon stimulant. The contest is between the advocates of the drink system and the advocates of Temperance. The advocates of the drink system are numerous, vigilant, have an immense monied power, and are thoroughly organized. They have a National organization represented by every State in the Union. They claim no alliance with any political party, yet they depend mainly for their success upon the ballot box. Whenever their man is nominated for office, irrespective of party, they spare no pains, labor or money to secure his election; hence they have men of ability in both houses of Congress and the Legislatures of the various States, who are inviterate in their opposition to every Temperance movement. To show what the advocates of

the drink system are doing, we append the following resolutions adopted by them at a National Convention which they held last spring in the City of Chicago:

Resolved, That the time has come for the formation of a National organization composed of all the Brewers, Distillers, wholesale and retail Liquor Dealers throughout the land who recognize the need of meeting and turning the tide of Prohibitory Legislation in the several States in which such legislation has already been enacted.

Resolved further, That we mutually pledge ourselves to work harmoniously and assiduously at the ballot box against the elections of any and all candidates or the success of any party who favors the prohibition movement, and in favor only of those men or that party who are known to represent and advocate the principles embodied in these resolutions.

2. The advocates of Temperance are perhaps more numerous in the nation than their antagonists, but not so thoroughly organized, have not their monied power nor their wisdom. They are wiser than the children of light. The advocates of Temperence are not uniform in their decision as to the best method of arresting the evil of intemperance. Some believe that moral suasion is the only justified means of dealing with the question—others believe that local option or partial prohibition is the thing, and others believe that high taxation, so as to reduce the traffic to a fewer number of men and to those of greater respectability and thereby secure a larger revenue to the Governmentt would be the best policy. Your Committee however, is of the opinion that the only effectual remedy for the evil, is absolute prohibition by Constitutional Amendment. This conclusion has been reached by the most zealous temperance workers, after the experience of a long series of years. True the opposition says that prohibition is a failure, that it does not prohibit; but that they are not sincere is apparent from the fact that their greatest effort is to defeat every prohibitory measure.

We do not propose by prohibition to prevent men from drinking whiskey, or from getting drunk; but we do propose to prevent the legal manufacture and traffic of intoxicants; we do propose to break up those 40 grog-shops that the brother speaks of on his circuit, and, thereby save the young men of the land from the temptation of drunkenness. This has been done in Maine, Kansas and Iowa.

3. Your Committee is of the opinion that prohibitory measures can ouly be gained through means of the ballot box, Therefore, it recommends that the advocates of temperance be not backward in recommending temperance men, men of moral worth, to fill the responsible offices of the State and nation and then give to them their hearty support.

4. As a sound and healthy public opinion is necessary to the enactment and execution of prohibitory laws, your Committee recommends to the advocates of Temperance to labor to store the public mind with a knowledge of the importance of the subject, by lecturing, writing, preaching and by the circulation of temperance literature. Therefore,

Resolved, That we do not identify ourselves with any partisan movement, but as a Conference representing the true interests of the people of Louisiana, we do seek such legislation as shall free our State from the power and influence of the grog-shop, which we recognize as the enemy of all good, and we do hereby call upon all good citizens, irrespective of party or creed to aid in this object.

Resolved 2nd, That we hereby heartily commend the self-sacrificing and efficient labors of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that we will co-operate with and assist them in their labors when they come among us.

Resoloed 3rd, Inasmuch as the citizens of the State of Louisiana, having sent petitions from all parts of the State to the last legislature of said State with a respectable number of names, praying it to submit to the voters of the State the question of Constitutional Amendment for their decision at the ballot box,

we deem the indifference of the legislature to said petitions highly censurable, inasmuch as the question was never submitted to the House for its decision.

Resolved 4th, That we will double our diligence and never cease our efforts till we obtain through the legislature of the State a Constitutional Amendment, prohibiting the manufacture and traffic of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Signed: JOHN PIPES,
ROBERT PARVIN,
J. PICKLES
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS,

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have had the interest submitted to them under consideration, and have to say that the power of the press was never more recognized nor more employed than now, especially in our own country.

We ascertain that there are published in the United States some 11,183 newspapers. Seven hundred and twelve of these being in foreign languages, subdivided as follows: 573 in German, 42 in French, 38 in Scandinavian, 23 in Spanish, 14 in Bohemian, 10 in Hollandish, 5 in Italian, 5 in Welsch and 2 in Polish. There are 517 papers devoted to religion in the United States. Of these 84 are Methodist papers, nearly one-sixth of the whole number. These Methodist papers have an aggregate of 455,331 subscribers. The Catholics publish 65 newspapers and have 464.386 subscribers. The Baptists publish 53 papers, and have 339,865 subscribers. The Presbyterians have 37 papers, and 200,654 subscribers. The Episcopalians publish 23 papers and have 64,400 subscribers. The Lutherans publish 14, and have 49.397 subscribers. In the United States there are 80 publications devoted to education, but there are more papers devoted to religion than to education, law, medicine and agriculture all put together, which illustrates, in some measure, the interest the people of our country take in religion.

In regard to Methodist papers, your committee is of the opinion that we attempt to sustain too many. If they were fewer they could be better sustained and made far more valuable and efficient. Our publishing committees and editors have no money with which to secure regular contributions from the ablest pens. Men of ability and culture will, of course, some of them, write occasional articles, whether paid for their work or not, but we need not expect them to be regular contributors unless we pay them. The ablest journals, such as the New York Independent and others, pay for their best matter, so that their column's are regularly filled with the freshest, most vigorous and instructive articles. This can never be the case with us until we cease dividing and subdividing our strength among so many local papers, ever struggling for breath and at the point to die. Your committee cherishes the hope that our experience will yet teach us wisdom in this direction.

Your committee rejoice to read that our great connectional Publishing House is prospering, that the debt which at one time seemed so crushing is in rapid process of payment, and the day is not distant when its payment will be an accomplished fact. The House is publishing much valuable Methodist literature, not only in the department of theology, but much Methodist history, and many valuable biographies, embalming forever the illustrious lives of our sainted heroes, and the sacrifices, toils and triumphs of our heroic past. We commend these publications to our people. Let us sustain our own Publishing House.

The Christian Advocate, published at Nashville, the organ of the General Comference, is most valuable as a connectional bond, and a medium of widespread Methodist intelligence.

Our Sunday school publications, issued from our Publishing House, are acknowledged to be excellent, and admirably adapted to interest and instruct the children, and it is hoped our Sunday schools will use them in preference to all others.

The Quarterly Review, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, published at Macon, Ga., and under the editorial conduct of the Rev. Dr. Hinton, appeals to the ministers and laymen among us of hlgher culture to subscribe for and sustain it. It ought to be a foregone conclusion that we should have a Review as a medium of the most advanced and best elaborated thought, where the best culture among us may embalm its best and most valuable convictions. We commend the Review to the favorable consideration and patronage of our ministers and people.

The New Orleans Advocate has been, and still is, edited with wisdom and ability. We most heartily commend it to the generous patronage of our people. New Orleans has become a great railroad center, and the roads, east, north and west, in twenty-four hours can carry our paper to Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, eastern Texas and southern Arkansas. This a wide field rapidly increasing in population and developing its vast resources. This broad and accessible field ought to furnish 15,or 20,000 subscribers. If we can have concentration of effort, and zeal commensurate with the importance of the work, we may confidently anticipate the most favorable results.

In view of our long and pleasant Conference relations with our beloved and honored brother, Bishop Parker, this Conference desires to express its love and esteem in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Louisiana Annual Conference cherishes the most grateful appreciation of Bishop Parker's wise and able editorial conduct of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and pray that still greater success may crown his labors in his higher and wider field of Christian toil.

Resolved, That we welcome our brother, Dr. Charles B. Galloway, to the editorial chair of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and that we pledge ourselves heartily to co-operate with him in extending the influence and increasing the patronage of the paper. The election of Dr. Linus Parker to the office of a Bishop vacates his membership in the Publishing Committee, we therefore nominate Dr, Charles W. Carter to fill the vacancy.

The Publishing Committee has contracted wtth T. J. Carver and H. Jamieson—both devoted Methodists—to publish the paper, and its business management is committed to their wisdom and fidelity.

It is gratifying to learn that the circulation of our New Orleans Christian Advocate is constantly extending, and that a bright and hopeful future opens up before it. Let us unitedly rally to its support and do what we may to make it more and more a power for good.

J. B. WALKER, Chairman.
S. B. M'CUTCHEON,
J. W. MEDLOCK,
WILLIAM HART,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Your Committee on Memoirs beg leave to submit the following brief Memoir of our deceased friend and brother,

REV. PHILO M. GOODWYN:

Philo M. Goodwyn was born in 1820, November 24, in the State of Indiana, near New Albany. He moved to the South in 1837; was converted and

joined the Poydras Street Church in the year 1840. He was licensed to preach by that society, and was admitted into the Mississippi Conference, at Jackson, Miss., at its session of 1842; was first appointed as the junior preacher to the Lafourche Circuit, Louisiana. In 1843 he was appointed to Caddo circuit; in 1844 to Yazoo circuit. From this time until a part of the Mississippi Conference was set off as the Louisiana Conference he received appointments annually, the record of which is not now in hand; and afterward as follows: In 1848, Alexandria; 1849, Opelousas; 1850, Newton and Franklin; 1851, Franklin and Pattersonville; 1852, Monroe district; 1853 to 1856, Opelousas district; 1857, Richmond; 1858, agent Mansfield College; 1859, Minden; 1860, Plaquemine and Grosse Tete; in December, 1860, Bayou Rouge and Big Cane; 1861, W. Chapel; 1862–63. Ouachita circuit; 1864, Lisbon; 1865, presiding elder of Alexandria district; 1866–67, Thibodeaux; 1868, to 71, Jefferson City; and in 1872 was superannuated. Since then he has lived in this city in precarious health, rarely able to preach, but always ready. He breathed his life out sweetly, in the midst of those he loved most, his wife and children, on Wednesday, the 15th, instant, after an illness of but three days. He said that "on the Godward side the future was bright." It was only on the earthward side, for his family, that things were dark."

He was a man of industrious devotion to the ministry of the word for more than thirty years, until failing health arrested him. He travelled as presiding elder, as preacher in charge and as assisistant preacher among the swamps and bayous of Louisiana, along its rivers and in its highlands, until he had lived in every part of the State. He took the work as it came, as one of the rank and file of the itenerancy. He asked no favors and received none, and whereever he was did a good work. His talents were representative of the average of human ability, but they were improved so as to stand the inspection of his Lord. He was of the people, and had access to the people, He attended conscientiously to the spiritual and temporal interest of whatever part of the field was placed in his care.

His character was without a stain, and he had the good fortune to escape even the calumny of the world. Every one revered him as a good man, who had at heart the well-being and the salvation of mankind. Under God, doubtless, he has been the means of calling thousands of men to the knowledge of Christ. His memory is blessed. He lived to do good and has done it.

Of very sprightly disposition, and of active temperament, it was a source of profound sorrow that in mature manhood he all at once found himself unable to take an appointment. His constitution had broken under the severe and constant labor of the itinerant service. Thenceforward a new field of Christian life was opened to him, that of patient suffering. How fully he improved it, for the cultivation of the highest and richest graces of his spiritual manhood we are all witnesses His closet was his stronghold. He was always ready to talk of his Saviour, and watched as from a secure town the fortunes of the battle as it went on, with hands and soul uplifted for the triumph of Immanuel. Not punitive, nor disciplinary to him, but elevating and refining were the sharp pains of disease and the gloomy labyrinths of the poverty of his daily life. He emerged from each experience with a nearer view of his Lord, who was perfecting him by that route to glory. Oh! the mysterious association there is between the sufferings of this present time and the apocalypse of the soul! That life which now, by natural conditions, is so hid with its Lord shall presently burst forth in the full splendor of his coming.

The son of a widow when called to preach, he has left nothing to his wife and children but the blessing with which he started. The inheritance of the patriachs has returned to his beloved; here "no continuing city," there one whose Builder and Maker is God. A greater part of his life he rode by vast fields of cane and cotton, that promised to enrich and sustain their owners, owning nothing himself. Their vast resources and his slender ones have in the end

left the families of each on an equal footing. The fortunes of a generation, however diverse for awhile, presently settle down to a uniform dependence. But with the good man, who has mean while lived more for heaven than for earth, there remains to his children a precions residuum; the blesssing which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it.

CHRISTIAN KEENER,
JOHN PIPES,
Committee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

At the session of the Louisiana Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Mansfield, La., beginning January 10, 1883, the Presiding Elders nominated and the Conference elected the following Board on Church Extension, viz:

John T. Sawyer, J. J. Stockwell, Baxter Clegg, R. B. Howell, T. J. Hough, J. Schreiner, A. T. Galloway, J. B. Pickles, Patrick Galvin, W. H. N. Magruder, Afred E. Clay, F. E. Bowman.

The above Board were instructed to organize an Auxiliary Church Extension Board for the Louisiana Conference.

Said Board met in the studio of the Mansfield College, January 10, 1883, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and were called to order by Rev. John T. Sawyer, chairman; prayer was offered by Rev. Baxter Clegg.

The chairman explained the object of the meeting; the roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

John T. Sawyer, J. J. Stockwell, Baxter Clegg, R. B. Howell, T. J. Hough, J. Schreiner, A. T. Galloway, J. B. Pickles, Patrick Galvin, W. H. N. Magruder.

CONSTITUTION.

The following Constitution was adopted, viz:

ARTICLE I—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Board of Church Extension of the Louisiana Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE II—Officers and Their Duties.

The officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and eight managers, to be elected by the Louisiana Annual Conference, on nomination of the Presiding Elders, at its session next succeeding each session of the General Conference. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an executive committee; the duties of the officers and of the executive committee shall be the same as usually pertain to such officers and committees in similar bodies.

ARTICLE III—Object.

The object of this Board is to assist as an auxiliary to the Parent Board and to take charge of all the interests and work of Church extension, in the Louisiana Annual Conference, according to the provisions of the discipline.

ARTICLE IV—Funds.

The funds of this Board shall be derived from contributions from the Parent Board, from collections taken by each preacher in every congregation, donations and bequests.

ARTICLE V—Meetings.

This Board shall hold a meeting at each session of the Annual Conferference, at which regular meeting provision shall be made for anniversary exercises. Special meetings may be held on call of the executive committee. Five members of the Board shall be a quorum at any meeting. Vacancies in the interim of the Conference shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE VI—Aid.

All application for aid shall set forth:

1st. A discription of the building for which aid is asked.
2d. The estimated and probable cost when completed.
2d. The amount of cash and reliable subscriptions now on hand.
4th. The nature of the title, its validity, and whether held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
5th. The names of the Board of Trustees.
6th. The number of church members, Sunday school children, and population of the place, whether within a city or town.
7th, Any additional facts that may be required by the Board, or that may be deemed necessary or useful to the Board in making a decision.

In no case shall the Treasurer pay money to aid any church building until ordered to do so by the executive committee, and in no case shall the executive committee make an order for such payment until furnished with a writen certificate from the Recorder of Deeds, for the parish in which the building is being erected, showing that warranty deed, conveying the site of the church edifice, in fee simple, to the Methodist Espiscopal Church, South, is on record, and also a written certificate from the trustees of such church building, assuring the committee that the payment asked for from this Board will speedily open the house for use, free of debt.

ARTICLE VII—Assessment.

The Board at its regular meeting shall apportion among the presiding elders' districts the amount assessed upon the Conference by the Parent Board, and the district stewards are instructed to apportion the assessments upon the districts among the several charges of the same.

The Board then permanently organized by the election of the following officers:

President—Rev. John T. Sawyer.
Vice-President—Rev. Baxter Clegg.
Secretary—Rev. Thomas Hough.
Treasurer—Rev: John J. Stockwell.

A. T. Galloway, Patrick Galvin, R. B. Howell, J. Schreiner, J. B. Pickles, W. H. N. McGruder, F. E. Bowman and A. E. Clay were elected as a Board of Managers.

The following Apportionments were made for the Presiding Elders District of this Annual Conference.

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DISTRICTS.	Membership, White.	Value of same.	Collected for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for Parsonages Building and Repairs.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number Volumes in Library.	Number Sunday School Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School Purpose.	Sunday School Scholars Received into the Church.
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		000 00			1	31	234	1595	355	225 23	
		93 65	2783 00	420 00	2	26	198	425	303	99 80	
Carondelet Street			165 00		1	16	150	1200	70	172 90	5
Felicity "		00 00			1	16	110	250	182	85 00	
St. Charles Avenue			385 25		2	17	175	200	135	166 55	2
Moreau Street			140 00		1	2	20				4
Louisiana Avenue			96 00	500 00	1	16	115	500	215	143 30	
Algiers				150 00							
Lafourche Mission											
Baton Rouge											
Plaquemine and Gros Tete											
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		000 00	40 00	30 00	1	5	52	50	40	10 00	9
			20 00	62 25	2	16	110	500	175	55 00	12
Monroe				223 00	1	10	100	200	130	25 00	11
Delhi and Madison		50 00			2	6	60	200	30	13 13	3
Trenton				50 00	3	13	85		65	18 00	
Bastrop				14 00	1	5	30		35	23 00	
Lind Grove					2	10	100				
Oak Ridge		29 50	150 00	150 00	2	10	90	350	100	50 00	
Rayville		10 00									
Winnsboro		00 00									
Waterproof and St. Joseph		00 00		97 65	2	11	56	137	40	17 00	
Tensas					2	20	100	300	30	17 15	
Lake Providence and Pecan Gr		89 50	809 05	628 90	19	120	883	1987	771	278 35	35
Floyd											
TOTAL											
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				500 00	3	15	118	200	66	15 65	6
Homer		50 00	130 00		3	20	195		150	40 00	
Tulip		75 00			3	12	120			11 40	
Haynesville				161 00	2	8	30	45	52	11 00	6
Minden				20 00	3	11	75		200	50 00	
Sparta and Sabine		00 00			4	26	79			22 50	10
Arcadia		50 00							170		
Vernon		00 00			4	14	75		30	24 00	4
Indian Village					5	20	140			15 00	
Rochester			150 00	162 50	2	8	64	320		2 75	
Downsville		75 00									
Farmerville			280 00	843 50	34	171	1129	668	840	255 00	26
Webster											
TOTAL											

STATISTICAL REPORT—NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.	Membership, White.	Membership, Colored.	Local Preachers,	Baptisms, Adults.	Baptisms, Infants.	Collected for Foreign Missions by Church.	Collected for Foreign Missions by S. School.	Collected for Domestic Missions by Church.	Collected for Domestic Missions by S. Schools.	Collected by Woman's F. M. S.	Collected for Local Missions	Total for Missions.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.	Total for Ministerial Support.	Collected for the Poor.	Collected for the Bible Cause.	Collected for Educational Purposes.	Collected for Other Objects.	Number of Churches.	Value of same.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of same.	Other Church Property.	Value of same.	Collected for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for Parsonages Building and Repairs.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number Volumes in Library.	Number Sunday School Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School Purpose.	Sunday School Scholars Received into the Church.
Carondelet Street	569	9	4	21	27	250 75	140 00	100 00		340 00	180 00	1010 75	300 00	350 00	3000 00	3000 00	100 00	200 00	3600 00	380 50		100 00	1110 00	1	40,000 00				15,000 00			1	31	210	1000	255	200 00	22
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St. Charles Avenue	248	1		2	13	71 25		50 00		182 60		303 85	180 00	92 70	1800 00	947 90	40 00	118 75	1199 35	59 70		17 75	624 80	1	40,000 00				793 65	2783 00		2	26	198	425	303	90 80	5
Morean Street	130			1	17		85 00	25 00		67 00		177 00	40 00	40 00	400 00	620 00	10 00	50 00	720 00	58 00	5 00	2 00	275 00	1	20,000 00					165 00		1	16	150	1200	70	172 00	
Louisiana Avenue	136				6	63 00	35 00	33 10	10 05	88 20		229 35	60 00	60 00	600 00	518 00	20 00	70 70	668 75	12 25	23 70	20 00	254 00	1	3,000 00				500 00			1	16	110	250	182	85 00	2
Algiers	87	1	5		7	12 00	18 50	8 35		26 30	62 65	127 80	60 00	60 00	600 00	650 00	14 60	14 85	739 45	27 30	5 00	7 00	147 80	1	5,000 00					385 25		2	17	175	200	135	166 55	4
Lafourche Mission	35					10 00		5 00				15 00		30 00		300 50	5 00	10 00	345 00			5 00		4	2,000 00					140 00		1	2	20				
Baton Rouge	258		5	20	108 60	17 40	18 35					144 35	150 00	103 10	1500 00	1022 50	30 00	75 45	1231 05	87 80		18 65	297 65	1	25,000 00					96 00	500 00	1	16	115	500	215	143 30	
Plaquemine and Gros Tete	56		1	10	33 75		10 00					43 75	40 00	33 00	700 00	612 00	5 00	30 00	686 00			5 00		2	900 00	1	2,000 00				150 00								
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DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe	108			1	11	3 00		1 30				4 30	70 00	56 00	800 00	580 45	5 00	23 00	664 75	2 00			50 00	1	3,500 00					599 05		1	14	100	250	126	50 10	9
Delhi and Madison	152			9	9	10 00		2 18				12 18	60 00	26 80	1000 00	437 72	5 50	16 50	536 02	3 00			27 00	2	1,200 00					40 00	30 00	1	5	52	50	40	10 00	12
Trenton	168	1	1	3	26	28 70	11 30	10 00				50 00	100 00	90 00	800 00	708 70	5 00	40 00	843 70			5 00	45 75	2	2'600 00	1	600 00		1000 00	20 00	62 25	2	16	110	500	175	55 00	11
Bastrop	156		1	3	3	15 00	10 25	15 00				40 25	100 00	42 05	1000 00	783 10	7 00	35 00	874 15				35 00	2	2,800 00	1	1200 00				223 00	1	10	100	200	130	25 00	3
Lind Grove	285		2	10	6	22 10		7 00				29 10	100 00	87 60	755 00	525 15	7 00	25 00	644 95				20 00	3	1,750 00	1	875 00					2	6	60	200	30	13 13	
Oak Ridge	126			1	2	3 50						3 50	100 00	36 55	600 00	425 00	5 00	28 25	494 90	8 50				2	3,000 00	1	800 00			50 00	50 00	3	13	85		65	18 00	
Rayville	186	1		3	9	1 00		1 00				2 00	70 00	32 50	800 00	343 40	1 00	3 00	379 90							1	500 00				14 00	1	5	30		35	23 00	
Winnsboro	207		1																					2	5,200 00							2	10	100				
Waterproof and St. Joseph	98				3	28 80		15 00				43 80	100 00	78 35	1000 00	468 00	7 00	51 30	604 65	19 50				2	4,000 00	1	1200 00		29 60	150 00	150 00	2	10	90	350	100	50 00	
Tensas	40					1 00		1 00				2 00	60 00	8 40		46 00	1 00	1 00	56 35					3	4,000 00					10 00								
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	73		1	2	5	16 00		2 20				18 20	100 00	54 37	900 00	489 38	3 00	17 45	564 20	85 00				2	1,800 00					300 00		2	11	56	137	40	17 00	
Floyd	330			1	11		50					1 00	70 00	36 10	625 00	295 35	1 00	7 70	340 15					25	130 50	3	2,100 00	1	850 00		200 00		97 65	2	20	100	300	30	17 15	
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HOMER DISTRICT.

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Tulip	270		2	7	2	21 00		38 70				59 70	75 00	64 80	600 00	366 70	1 00	40 00	472 50					3	2,000 00	1	300 00		100 00			2	13	80	50	120	25 00	6
Haynesville	323		3	9	3	45 00		31 00				76 00	130 00	99 35	700 00	675 70	10 00	32 05	817 10					4	2,650 00	1	500 00			500 00		3	15	118	200	66	15 65	
Minden	253		1		6	35 10	2 50	4 00			2 50	44 00	130 00		750 00	435 00	5 00	27 00	567 00				43 00	4	3,000 00							3	20	195		150	40 00	
Sparta and Sabine	410		2	26	29	10 00		7 50				17 50	65 00	59 05	500 00	602 25	7 00	14 85	683 15			60	4 00	9	2,500 00					250 00	130 00	3	12	120		11	40	0
Arcadia	300		2	6	4	21 40		9 25				30 65	75 00	53 25	500 00	381 00	12 90	17 25	464 00					4	1,950 00					575 00	161 00	2	8	30	45	52	11 00	
Vernon	336	2	2	7		30 00		6 00				36 00	130 00	96 55	700 00	660 00	6 00	35 00	797 55					3	1,300 00	1	500 00			20 00	3	11	75		200	50 00	
Indian Village	235		2		5	6 85		3 70				10 55	60 00	42 40	375 00	257 50	4 65	8 55	313 10			50		6	1,000 00	1	100 00				4	26	79			22 50	10
Rochester	83		1			1 25		65				1 90	40 00	19 60	160 00	97 90		3 90	121 30					1	150 00	1	100 00		100 00									
Downsville	410		2	6	3	20 00		6 10				26 10	80 00	80 00	600 00	506 65	10 00	20 00	616 55					4	1,175 00	1	200 00		250 00			4	14	75		170	24 00	4
Farmerville	447		3	26	15							5 00	100 00	55 00	600 00	300 00	5 00	5 00	365 00					5	2,000 00				1,000 00			5	20	140		30	15 00	
Webster	298		4	4	9	12 00		6 60				18 60	43 00	43 00	415 00	304 70	4 00	12 00	363 75					3	550 00	1	200 00			150 00	162 50	2	8	54	320		2 75	
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Shreveport	244	3	12	12	224 45	101 50	55 30			150 00		531 25	300 00	300 00	2000 00	2000 00	40 00	257 55	2599 55	209 10	60 00	60 00	320 85	1	3,000 00				250 00	5743 26		2	33	260	400	275	165 00	17
Mooringsport	134	1	27	4	23 20		13 50					36 70	65 00	36 70	400 00	240 00		17 50	300 20					2	1,600 00	1	300 00		25 00	450 00		4	24	100	150	115	37 20	
Caddo	216	1	4	13	55 50		20 00			133 00		209 50	125 00	81 45	620 00	648 33	10 00	56 20	795 98			2 10		5	4,500 00				130 00	200 00		5	36	140	50	185	100 00	
Logansport	150	2	2	2	12 06		3 70					15 70	25 60	19 75	300 00	139 60	2 50	10 00	171 25			1 00		4	2,000 00					95 50		3	10	70		100	21 00	2
Mansfield	163	1	3	4									100 00	78 00	700 00	550 00	12 00	70 00	710 00				80 00	1	3,000 00	1	1400 00	30,000 00	75 00	135 00	1	15	125	300	224	32 50	4
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Natchitoches	143		3	8	9 40	2 50	5 80					18 70	100 00	64 70	650 00	420 50	10 00	25 00	520 20	19 00		215 00		1	4,000 00				54 00			1	5	33	140	36	14 00	
Anacoco	240	4	4	14	1 75								30 00		165 00	93 00			93 00					5	800 00				100 00	17 00		2	9	50				
Springville	213	5	1	5	10 00		6 20					16 20	50 00	19 50	300 00	152 30	2 00	4 90	178 70					3	800 00				500 00			3	13	55		35	15 00	11
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South Bossier	187	1	1	2	8 00		4 00					12 00	65 00	43 25	500 00	332 75	8 50	24 50	409 00					2	1,600 00	1	350 00			200 00	3	10	66	100	25	8 00	
North Bossier	194		29	10	4 75		3 65			7 80		16 20	80 00	45 00	400 00	353 14	5 00	12 85	415 99					4	2,500 00	1	150 00				2	25	40		48		4
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Sabine	195	1	20	6	4 00		2 00					6 00	50 00	19 55	220 00	150 00	2 00		171 55					3	500 00	1	200 00					3	15	75				
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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria	92	2	1	7	5 65	2 80						8 45	40 00	22 00	425 00	230 00	5 00	22 05	279 05					2	3,000 00	1	1200 00			15 00		1	4	52		27	18 25	
Pineville	190	1	8	16	16 00		4 00					14 00	50 00	30 00	500 00	339 00	2 50	3 50	369 00					5	3,000 00	2	1000 00			200 00		2	12	50			20 00	3
Winfield	186	5	12	10	8 70		1 70					10 40	40 00	12 60	330 00	114 25	60	3 45	130 85			55 00		1	300 00							3	32	165	50	60	14 40	8
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island	94	3	1	1			4 10					4 10	50 00	12 50	550 00	234 05	2 40	7 55	256 50					2	2,000 00							1	7	27			6 00	
Jena	230	1	1	6	15 10 00							15 00			400 00	125 77	3 00	12 00	140 00					3	800 00					75 00		4	16	120	150	15	5 00	10
Columbia	175	2	1	5	35 00		15 00					50 00	60 00	48 00	700 00	551	5 00	41 00	655 00			2 00		1	2,000 00	1	300 00					1	6	40	105		25 00	
Castor	325																																						
Bayou Beouf and Evergreen	167	11	5		20 00		7 50					27 50	50 00	41 50	500 00	412 05	4 50	20 00	478 05				127 00	3	2,100 00				59 85			4	17	141		25	12 00	9
Spring Creek	400	5	7	10	15 10		1 00					15 10	40 00	40 00	400 00	225 00	4 00	7 20	277 20					3	1,000 00	1	200 00	3,000 00	30 00	26 00	3	15	105			4 00	10
Simmesport	70			4												112 15			112 16					2	3,500 00				600 00									
Black River	49			1	10 10		5 00					15 00	30 00	30 55	330 00	184 45	2 00	10 00	227 00	74 85			15 00	1	200 00				90 00	470 00		3	14	103		113	45 10	
Little River	80	2																															2	7	85				
Avoyelles French Mission	50		4		3 00							3 00		16 00																			1	1	20				
Belle Chene	80	1	8	5													2 00	5 00	7 00					1	200 00				500 00	15 00		1	7	50		25	10 00	8
Colfax	180	1	11	30	5 00		5 00					10 00	40 00	20 00	500 00	320 00	3 00	5 00	348 00					6	900 00	1	400 00	300 00	181 00	250 00	5	22	130		80	12 00	
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OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	170	1	10	5	52 00	8 00	20 00					80 00	100 00	100 00	800 00	700 00	13 00	60 00	873 00	25 00		13 00	50 00	1	3,000 00				75 00	500 00		1	10	70	50	50	30 00	
Washington	136	2	5		50 00	8 00	17 00					75 00	95 00	75 00	700 00	432 75	12 00	60 00	579 75	12 75		11 00		2	3,000 00	1	800 00		80 00	119 90	2	10	65	50	100	11 10	
Vermillionville	55	1	4		13 00		10 00			20 00		43 00	55 00	46 00	425 00	275 00	15 00	30 00	366 00			9 00		1	1,250 00	1	750 00		35 00	35 00	1	7	40	100	30	20 00	
Plaquemine Brulee & Kemball's Chapel	600	2	5	127	59 80		17 00					76 80	90 00	90 00	600 00	610 00	12 00	58 55	770 55	20 00				3	1,600 00	1	650 00		100 00	175 00		5	50	300	150	125	50 00	35
Abbeville	104	3	21		8 10	4 15	3 50					15 75	50 00	26 95	500 00	300 00	5 15	15 15	328 45				55 10	1	600 00				100 00			2	12	50	150	86	10 45	6
New Iberia	221	1	3	20	42 45	12 55	19 00					74 00	100 00	100 00	1033 00	875 00	13 00	63 00	1051 00	55 00			113 00	1	4,000 00	1	2000 00					1	14	160	250	150	54 05	5
Franklin	155	2	31		25 00		10 00					35 00	100 00	52 05	1200 00	733 00	10 00	24 50	795 16	52 50	10 45	3 00	77 55	3	5,000 00	1	2500 00		200 00	25 00		2	15	450	125	50	35 00	1
Pattersonville and Morgan City	72	5	1	23	20 15		7 00					27 15	50 00	34 40	1000 00	621 00	7 00	30 00		146 00			160 00	2	5,000 00	1	700 00	650 00	25 00			2	14	82	155	100	75 00	9
Lake Charles	84	1	2	3	13 00		11 00					24 00	60 00	60 00	500 00	350 00	8 00	14 00		40 00			60 00	1	1,900 00	1	850 00			705 00		1	12	80	350	149	130 00	
Sugar Town	296	3	4	19			9 05					9 05	35 00	52 90	150 00	113 85		19 70	221 45										500 00			6	29	179		35	6 30	2
Calcasieu	48	1	0	16									25 00	17 25		75 00	4 00	5 00					1 00									1	5	20				
Grand Chenere	25	1	9										40 00	44 20		144 80																1	4	25		30	20 00	
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RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	1787	13	5	35	107	668 95	447 10	310 00	10 05	794 35	242 65	2474 00	1070 00	958 80	10600 00	9670 40	294 60	700 10	11623 90	769 85	67 70	225 40	3598 60	13	160,900 00	1	2000 00		19,293 65	3569 25	1070 00	10	155	1212	5170	1515	1092 78	33
Delhi "	1926	2	5	33	85	139 50	21 55	55 18				206 33	930 00	555 72	8280 00	5102 25	47 50	248 50	6002 42	118 00		5 25	308 25	24	31,950 00	7	6025 00		1,589 50	809 05	628 90	19	120	883	1987	771	278 38	35
Homer "	3663	2	25	89	77	256 05	29 50	134 10			2 50	427 15	1058 00	591 95	6700 00	5177 40	78 05	236 10	5183 50			1 00	47 00	49	22,775 00	6	1900 00		2,275 00	280 00	843 50	34	171	1129	668	840	255 00	25
Shreveport "	3050	22	124	93	450 80	127 00	129 95	10 00		290 80		1006 80	1215 00	844 75	7965 00	6402 02	112 50	547 65	7282 67	314 30	60 00	281 60	440 35	42	21,700 00	8	3900 00		33,055 00	8045 66	350 35	37	252	1448	1352	1457	475 10	51
Alexandria "	2428	10	15	65	113	122 45	2 80	43 30				168 55	400 00	273 15	4635 00	2857 95	34 00	136 75	3279 81	74 85		57 00	142 00	30	19,000 00	7	3900 00		4,549 85	986 00	276 00	32	160	1038	305	345	17 75	48
Opelousas "	1966	215	41	275	283 50	32 70	123 55			20 00		459 75	800 00	599 75	6908 00	5230 50	100 15	380 90	4985 36	351 25	10 45	35 00	526 65	15	26,350 00	7	8250 00		1,350 00	590 00	1384 90	25	182	1221	1390	905	441 90	59
GRAND TOTAL	14820	29	88	387	750	1912 35	659 65	797 02	20 05	1105 15	245 15	4744 43	5473 00	4024 07	45088 00	34428 53	656 80	2250 00	39342 06	1628 25	138 15	501 80	5062 85	173	283,675 00	37	25675 00		62,113 00	14279 96	4553 50	157	1033	6917	10872	5779	2714 86	252
LAST YEAR	14801	23	81	459	695	2343 30	900 65	897 10		1102 10		5343 05	4179 25	3343 49	41337 75	32364 78	717 70	2162 56	38578 52	1063 96	171 95		5627 05	163	285,450 00	34	23550 00		59 885 00	12663 58	1440 25	148	864	6197	12545	4728	2523 73	191
INCREASE	19	6	7		55				20 00	3 05	245 15		1293 75	680 58	3750 25	2073 75		87 46	763 54	564 29		601 80		20		3	2125 00		2,228 00	1605 38	3113 40	9	169	720		1051	191 13	51
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